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Dear Sir:

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Applicants hereby request, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), an extension of time for filing a response to the Final Office Action, dated March 16, 2004. For the reasons described below, the requested extension is for one-month from July 21, 2004, the mailing date of the Advisory Action, until August 21, 2004. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

In particular, in response to the Final Office Action, dated March 16, 2004, and the Advisory Action, dated July 21, 2004, applicants are filing herewith a Notice of Appeal for the